

441—112.2(237) Definitions.*“Applicant:”*

1. The applicant for a foster family home license is the foster parent or parents.
2. For a proprietary child caring facility, the applicant is the owner of the facility.
3. For facilities having a board of directors, the applicant may be the president of the board or the board’s designee.

“Community residential facility” means a facility which provides care for children who are considered unable to live in a family situation due to social, emotional or physical disabilities but are capable of interacting in a community environment with a minimum amount of supervision. The facility provides 24-hour care including board and room. Community resources are used for education, recreation, medical, social and rehabilitation services. The facility is responsible for planning the daily activities of the children, discipline, guidance, peer relationships, and recreational programs.

“Comprehensive residential facility” means a facility which provides care and treatment for children who are unable to live in a family situation due to social, emotional, or physical disabilities and who require varying degrees of supervision as indicated in the individual treatment plan. Care includes room and board. Services include the internal capacity for individual, family, and group treatment. These services and others provided to the child shall be under the administrative control of the facility. Community resources may be used for medical, recreational, and educational needs. Comprehensive residential facilities have higher staff to client ratios than community residential facilities and may use control rooms, locked cottages, mechanical restraints, and chemical restraints when these controls meet licensing requirements.

“Director’s designee:”

1. For group facilities, the director’s designee is the chief of the bureau of protective services.
2. For foster family homes, the designee is the department of human services’ service area manager.

“Foster family home” means a home in which an individual person or married couple who wishes to provide or is providing, for a period exceeding 24 consecutive hours, board, room, and care for a child in a single family living unit.

“Group facility” means a community residential facility, a comprehensive residential facility, or a residential facility for mentally retarded children.

“Residential facility for mentally retarded children” means any residential facility which serves children who meet the definition of mentally retarded as defined in Iowa Code chapter 222.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 237.3 and 237.5.